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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Documentation Briefing []

1. On 19 February, 1952 I reported to [] the TSS Training Officer, who assigned me to [] the documents intelligence analyst with responsibility for Albania documentation. [] briefed me on Albanian documentation in general terms and then turned over her files of collected documents to me for study. I devoted most of my time in TSS to familiarizing myself with the details of the most basic Albanian document, the Leter Njoftim or identity book.

2. I questioned [] concerning her most important requirements for intelligence and was advised that collection action should be focused on four documents and intelligence pertaining to them. They are:

a. Leter Njoftim identity book that must be carried by all Albanian citizens from the time they are 1½ years old.

b. Librete Ushtarake military service record carried by all males who have had military service. With reference to this document, Mrs. de Mauduit is specifically interested in obtaining examples of the 1950 and 1951 cachets that appear on page 19 of this document and an explanation of the code used in item 33 on page 7 of the book to signify the bearer's occupation.

c. Fronte Demokratik Card. This card may be purchased by non party members and is used as evidence of sympathy with the Communist party. People possessing these cards are accorded a certain special consideration by the authorities.

[] has four samples of this card which vary in color. She is specifically interested in knowing what the significance of color is. The Fronte Demokratik Card cannot be reproduced until more copies are obtained.

d. Ration Stamps. Very little information is available on ration stamps which are of four types, lettered A-D and which change in color at certain time intervals. Albanian ration stamps cannot be counterfeited at this time because not enough information is at hand.

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3. [] indicated that the four above documents constitute complete documentation, i.e., the possession of no other items are vital to the proper equipping of an agent. She pointed out that they "interlocking" qualities. For example, the occupation stated in the identity document must be consistent with the occupational code number in the military service record and both must be consistent with the type of ration coupons carried. For this reason, [] considers the procurement of the specific intelligence listed above vital to the proper documentation of agents destined for Albania.

4. I also met a [] who is charged with collecting foreign uniforms and civilian clothing and reproducing copies of such articles from his collection as are needed in support of operations. He advised me that a tailor and a cobbler were being recruited for his staff. He said he wanted to receive representative items of Albanian clothing for use as models. He is not interested in procuring clothing in quantity as such supplies can more feasibly be stored in the field.

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